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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

The typographical error in claim 1 has been corrected herein.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The rejection states that it is unclear what sensing node structure senses the charge in the charge accumulating substrate. In response, since this is a method claim, the sensing node has been removed entirely. The claim now requires "sensing charge in said charge accumulating substrate," which is quite clearly met by the operation described for example page 7, lines 10-15 of the specification. This should obviate the rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The antecedent issue has been obviated by amendment. The sensing node has been removed. Finally, claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the readout circuit is individually associated with each pixel area.

This should obviate all issues remaining in the case, and a notice on the merits is requested.

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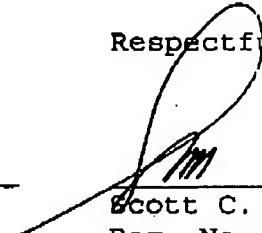
It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, therefore, all of the claims should be in condition for allowance.

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